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1. Colonel Victoriano Benitez Vera, former Cavalry commander at Campo Grande near Asuncion, now an exile in Buenos Aires, is reportedly soliciting President Peron's support in a bid to return to power in Paraguay.\* Lt. Colonel Pablo Stagni, former Paraguayan Air Force commander now exiled in Argentina, was said to be collaborating with Benitez Vera, but no evidence of such activity has been uncovered to date.
2. There is no indication as yet that Peron's support will be forthcoming. Peron is said to be favorably impressed with the new government of Paraguay. According to source, he considers the present cabinet in Paraguay to be one of the best the country has ever had, with the exception of Rigoberto Caballero, Minister of Public Works, who allegedly has engaged in fraudulent activities in the past. On the other hand, Argentine authorities are said to believe that Provisional President Felipe Molas Lopez is more inclined to be pro-Brazilian than pro-Argentine.
3. Molas Lopez is reported to have been in contact with certain unidentified Argentines believed to be connected with the Argentine Chamber of Commerce in Asuncion.
4. Ex-President Higinio Morinigo, who is still in Peron's bad graces, is living quietly in Buenos Aires.\* He is buying property in and near Buenos Aires and is interested in purchasing property in Mexico. He reportedly has 2,000,000 dollars at his disposal for that purpose.
5. Natalicio Gonzalez, ex-President of Paraguay now residing in Buenos Aires, has recently purchased Libreria America in Buenos Aires for 300,000 pesos. He is also said to have considerable funds at his disposal and is interested in buying property in the Province of Buenos Aires.

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